



Office of the Governor
State of Missouri

Proclamation

WHEREAS, Staff Sergeant Tyler James Smith, of Licking, Missouri, was a soldier in the United States Army, assigned to the 2nd Battalion, 508th Parachute Infantry Regiment, 4th Brigade Combat Team, 82nd Airborne Division, Fort Bragg, North Carolina; and

WHEREAS, while serving his country, Staff Sergeant Smith was deployed to Afghanistan in support of Operation Enduring Freedom; and

WHEREAS, on April 3, 2012, Staff Sergeant Smith, age 24, died of injuries sustained when an improvised explosive device detonated in Kandahar Province, Afghanistan; and

WHEREAS, Staff Sergeant Smith's awards and decorations include the Bronze Star Medal, Purple Heart, Army Commendation Medal, Army Achievement Medal, Army Good Conduct Medal (2 awards), National Defense Service Medal, Afghanistan Campaign Medal with Bronze Service Star, Iraq Campaign Medal with Bronze Service Star, Global War on Terrorism Service Medal, Noncommissioned Officers Professional Development Ribbon, Army Service Ribbon, NATO Medal, Combat Infantryman Badge, Expert Infantryman Badge, Basic Parachutist Badge, Combat and Special Skill Badge, Basic Marksmanship Qualification Badge (Bar, Weapon: Rifle (Inscription: Rifle), Expert), and the Overseas Service Bar (2 awards).

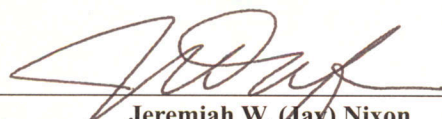
NOW THEREFORE, I, Jeremiah W. (Jay) Nixon, GOVERNOR OF THE STATE OF MISSOURI, as a mark of respect for the death of

STAFF SERGEANT TYLER JAMES SMITH

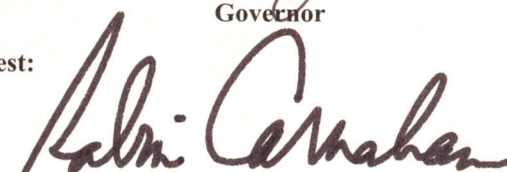
and for his bravery and service to the United States of America, do hereby order that the flag of the United States and the flag of Missouri shall be flown at half-staff at all government buildings statewide for one full day on April 14, 2012, and shall be flown at half-staff at all government buildings in the county of Texas, Missouri, from April 15, 2012, to April 20, 2012, from sunrise to sunset.

IN TESTIMONY WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and caused to be affixed the Great Seal of the State of Missouri, in the City of Jefferson, this 12th day of April, 2012.




Jeremiah W. (Jay) Nixon
Governor

Attest:


Robin Carnahan
Secretary of State